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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR STABILIZING SURFACE BOUND PROBES**, the specification of which

___ is attached hereto
☒ was filed on March 25, 2004 as Serial No. 10/809,214
___ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s) listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s) having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Serial Number	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed	
			Yes	No

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 119 of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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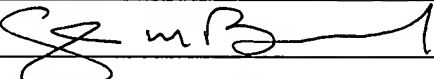
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